

TABLE 21
2000 PLANNING AREA CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>Urban</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Population	7,559	1,210
Land Area	2.85	7.95
Density	2,652	152

With this background, the next area for consideration involves the designation of sites to accommodate this growth, the rationale behind the selection process, and the intensity desired.

B. Plan for Future Land Uses

In developing the land use plan for Selma, an overt attempt to link the proposed land classification system for North Carolina with the future land requirements to accommodate the town's growth was made. The following briefly describes this proposed system.

The Proposed Land Classification System for North Carolina

In 1974, the North Carolina General Assembly directed the Land Policy Council to develop a land classification system "promoting the orderly growth and development of the state in a manner consistent with the wise use and conservation of the land resources."¹⁴ If adopted by the upcoming session of the General Assembly, the land classification system should prove to be a useful guide in promoting growth and preserving the life style desired by Selma residents.

Under this system, land is to be classified in five different categories, dependent upon existing and anticipated uses. A summary sheet depicts this in more detail.